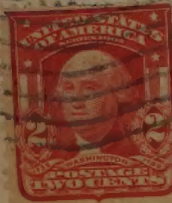
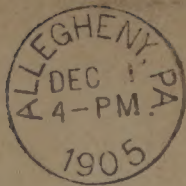
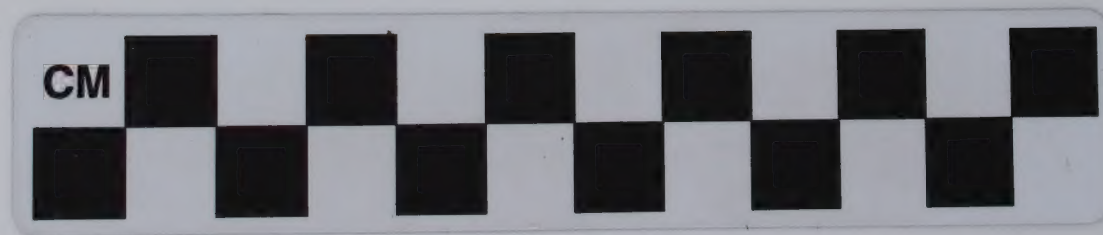


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My dear, dear, Dedic:—

How very lovely it was of you to write me such a long letter when you had just arrived at The Hospital and after all the excitement etc. your card of the 20" was forwarded from Harveys - Then I looked daily for further tidings and when the letter of the 24" came the 29" I was so eager to get at the contents; but now I am doubly anxious to hear again. Yesterday was Thanksgiving and of course we only had one delivery but this morning (8-30) I was sure I'd hear from you -

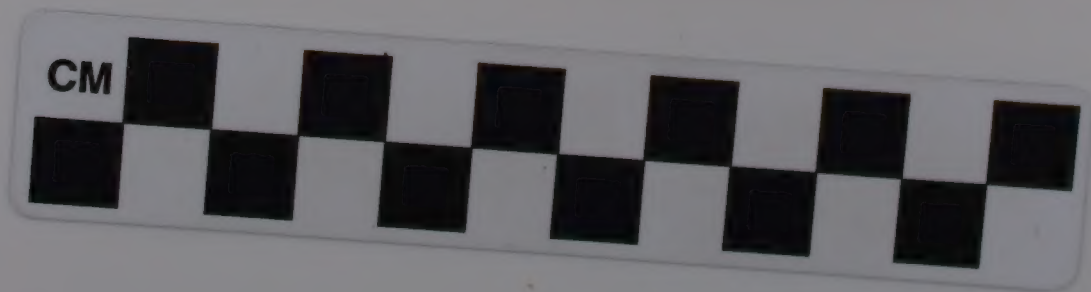
I think and talk of you first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

I am very glad you are just where you are - every thing will be so much more convenient and with trained nurses and doctors always there you should have better care than you can usually get at home. Yes, dear I can just see you in your room - for how many times I have passed that place and always looked up at the windows. There was such a pretty

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rose-bush growing up to The Hope St. side
of The building and a bed of pansies at the
Ores side of The lawn. How nice it would
be if I were at 1365-5. Hope St. now - I pre-
sume most of my time would be spent else-
where - nursing little "Bobby" and sitting to his
fond "Mama". I have seen cures wait two
whole weeks after that "show" that you spoke
of and that sent you flying to The Hospital
but hope you will have no such wait.

Perhaps the rest and treatment etc will
do you good. Had I known that you were at
Willowbrook that Sunday I would have been
worried half to death - Think it is the
right thing for ladies to go out as much as
possible but that was such a long trip
and there is always so much danger of a
mis-step getting on or off cars. However I
trust that Providence will bring you
safely through everything as you have
gotten along well thus far. I am sorry



³ That Mrs. B. did all that talking but it is nothing more than you might expect. I did a whole lot of talking about you to my Mamma and to Miss Gook here in my room but to no one who knows you or any of your people. I wanted to tell Miss Giles but did not as I thought you did not want it known 'till all was over.

Then, I suppose, you'll give me the pleasure of announcing the affair will you not?

I hope you have rec'd the package containing the "doll" clothes - I mailed it (or registered it rather) the 21st but of course it had to go to Colegrove then to be brought to you. If you want to insult your sister just speak of paying for the material in those things. They are not fine but I am only too happy to do that

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⁴ much for you and a great deal more if I could. I told Miss Gook that she did not get half the pleasure out of the embroidered pieces that she is making for Christmas, that I did in making the precious little garments. I do enjoy working with them - every stitch is a pleasure.

And when you get strong enough just send the material for coat and I'll do the very best I can to make a nice one.

And now while I think of it - do not think of getting or making a thing for Christmas presents. You will not want to give up the practice for I know you enjoy it as much as I do; but we all have to "give up" things some times and now is the time for you to begin. Your own and baby's health comes first and you will find enough to do without thinking of your friends - and your friends will

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not expect any thing of you - more than
an occasional letter - indeed we
will all think just as much of you
if you will take the above advice.

Christmas giving is a beautiful
custom but it is not the present or
"gift" that makes it so - it is the
kind thought - the memory of the
giver that makes us happy at that
time - so to me a letter, the senti-
ments of which comes from the heart
is worth more than gold or any-
thing that it can buy - My friends know
that my means are limited but I believe
they are my friends just the same.

Now, dear, I expected a scolding
from you because I went out and work-
ed for nine days but if you could

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understand it perhaps you would not
feel so cross at me. You know how
terrible the winters are here and one
can not be as comfortable in the
country or country town as in a large
city and besides there is not the enter-
tainment to be had there so I thought I
would come here and work just a
little occasionally - enough to pay my
room - rent. I expect to do light-house
keeping most of time so that it will
be inexpensive. Of course if the climate
were different I would be just as well
contented out in the woods or field
in a tent but think I can be more
comfortable here. I am of a much
more contented and happy spirit than
when I left you. In fact I believe

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7 I am getting back to my old self again
for which I am truly thankful.

I was invited out to The Rev. and
Mrs Lippincott for Thanksgiving but as
they live beyond Steubenville, Ohio, I
decided to stay home and go there later.

I am invited to The McAtters at
Crafton to spend all of next week.

Mrs McAtter has a nice visit plan-
ned for me so I know I'll just have
a lovely time. Was out there two
days last week.

One of my cousins married and
came to Allegheny about a year ago
and they live on Ridge Ave. I spent
last Sunday with them and have a stand-
ing invitation to run in as often as
I can. He is a dandy boy - brother to the

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two who are in college at Cornell + U.P.
Philadelphia.

Now, I could chatter on and on but if you are in bed and not feeling well you may not be feeling able to read all this - I am so glad you promised to have some one write to me at once - If I were nearer you the suspense would not be so great but think of having to wait four or five days for a letter at such a time (The letter may be on the way now but I can only wait) Give my very kindest regards to Mr Richter - I hope his health is improved.

With much love to yourself and brother George also Mrs Sible and Alva.
Sincerely your friend Myra F.

